

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MICHAEL ODAM,

Plaintiff,

-v-

ELRAC, LLC, ALAMO RENTAL (US) LLC,
NATIONAL RENTAL (US), LLC

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 24-cv-02017-LAK-RFT

**STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR
THE PRODUCTION AND
EXCHANGE OF CONFIDENTIAL
INFORMATION**

This matter having come before the Court by stipulation of Plaintiff Michael Odam (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants ELRAC, LLC, Alamo Rental (US), LLC, and National Rental (US) LLC, (collectively, “Defendants”) for the entry of a protective order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26, limiting the review, copying, dissemination and filing of confidential and/or proprietary documents and information to be produced by either party and their respective counsel or by any non-party in the course of pre-mediation disclosures and discovery in this matter to the extent set forth below; and the parties, by, between and among their respective counsel, having stipulated and agreed to the terms set forth herein, and good cause having been shown;

IT IS hereby ORDERED that:

1. This Stipulation is being entered into to facilitate the production, exchange and discovery of documents and information that the parties agree merit confidential treatment (hereinafter the “Documents” or “Testimony”).

2. Either party may designate Documents produced, or Testimony given, in connection with this action as “confidential,” either by notation on the document, statement on the record of the deposition, written advice to the respective undersigned counsel for the parties

hereto, or by other appropriate means.

3. As used herein:

(a) “Confidential Information” shall mean any personal, financial, military, or medical information, Testimony, and Documents of Defendants, Plaintiff, and/or any current or former employees of Defendants, or other information that implicates the personal privacy of Defendants, Plaintiff, and/or any current or former employees of Defendants, proprietary business information, or competitively sensitive information and other Testimony, Documents or information that contain non-public, private or sensitive information that requires the protections provided in this Stipulation.

(b) “Producing Party” shall mean the parties to this action and any third- parties producing “Confidential Information” in connection with depositions, document production or otherwise, or the party asserting the confidentiality privilege, as the case may be.

(c) “Receiving Party” shall mean the party to this action and/or any non-party receiving “Confidential Information” in connection with depositions, document production or otherwise.

4. The Receiving Party may challenge the Producing Party’s designation and assert that the Receiving Party does not concur in the designation of a document or other material as Confidential Information. If the Producing Party does not agree to declassify such document or material, the Receiving Party may move before the Court for an order declassifying those documents or materials. If no such motion is filed, such documents or materials shall continue to be treated as Confidential Information. If such motion is filed, the documents or other materials shall be deemed Confidential Information unless and until the Court rules otherwise.

5. Except with the prior written consent of the Producing Party or by Order of the Court, Confidential Information shall not be furnished, shown, or disclosed to any person or

entity except to:

- a. The parties and counsel for the parties to this action and their associated attorneys, paralegals, and other professional personnel (including support staff) who are directly assisting such counsel in the preparation of this action for trial or other proceeding herein, are under the supervision or control of such counsel, and who have been advised by such counsel of their obligations hereunder;
- b. expert witnesses or consultants retained by the parties or their counsel to furnish technical or expert services in connection with this action or to give Testimony with respect to the subject matter of this action at the trial of this action or other proceeding herein; provided, however, that such Confidential Information is furnished, shown, or disclosed in accordance with paragraph 7 hereof;
- c. the Court and court personnel, if filed in accordance with paragraph 12 hereof;
- d. an officer before whom a deposition is taken, including stenographic reporters and any necessary secretarial, clerical or other personnel of such officer, if furnished, shown or disclosed in accordance with paragraph 10 hereof;
- e. trial and deposition witnesses, if furnished, shown or disclosed in accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10, respectively, hereof; and
- f. any other person agreed to by the parties.

6. Confidential Information shall be utilized by the Receiving Party and its counsel only for purposes of this litigation and for no other purposes.

7. Before any disclosure of Confidential Information is made to an expert witness or

consultant pursuant to paragraph 5(b) hereof, counsel for the Receiving Party shall obtain the expert's written agreement, in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, to comply with and be bound by its terms.

8. All depositions shall presumptively be treated as Confidential Information and subject to this Stipulation during the deposition and for a period of fifteen (15) days after a transcript of said deposition is received by counsel for each of the parties. At or before the end of such fifteen-day period, the deposition shall be classified appropriately.

9. Should the need arise for any of the parties to disclose Confidential Information during any hearing or trial before the Court, including through argument or the presentation of evidence, such party may do so only after taking such steps as the Court, upon motion of the disclosing party, shall deem necessary to preserve the confidentiality of such Confidential Information.

10. This Stipulation shall not preclude counsel for the parties from using during any deposition Testimony in this action, or any documents or information which have been designated as "Confidential Information" under the terms hereof. Any court reporter and deposition witness who is given access to Confidential Information shall, prior thereto, be provided by the Disclosing Party with a copy of this Stipulation and shall execute the certificate annexed hereto. Counsel for the party obtaining the certificate shall supply a copy to counsel for the other party.

11. Procedure for Filing Confidential Information.

- a. A Receiving Party who seeks to file with the Court any deposition transcripts, exhibits, answers to interrogatories, and other documents which have previously been designated as comprising or containing Confidential

Information, and any pleading, brief or memorandum which reproduces, paraphrases or discloses Confidential Information, shall provide all other parties with seven (7) days' written notice of its intent to file such material with the Court, so that the Producing Party may file by Order to Show Cause a motion to seal such Confidential Information. The Confidential Information shall not be filed until the Court renders a decision on the motion to seal. In the event the motion to seal is granted, all deposition transcripts, exhibits, answers to interrogatories, and other documents which have previously been designated by a party as comprising or containing confidential information and any pleading, brief or memorandum which reproduces, paraphrases or discloses such material, shall be filed in sealed envelopes or other appropriate sealed container on which shall be endorsed the caption of this litigation, the words "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL-SUBJECT TO STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR THE PRODUCTION AND EXCHANGE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" as an indication of the nature of the contents, and a statement in substantially the following form:

This envelope, containing documents which are filed in this case by (name of party), is not to be opened nor are the contents thereof to be displayed or revealed other than to the Court, the parties, and their counsel of record, except by order of the Court or consent of the parties. Violation hereof may be regarded as contempt of the Court.

- b. As an alternative to the procedure set forth in paragraph 12(a), any party may file with the court any documents previously designated as comprising or containing Confidential Information by submitting such documents to the

Party Clerk in sealed envelopes or other appropriate sealed container on which shall be endorsed the caption of this litigation, the words "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL - SUBJECT TO STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR THE PRODUCTION AND EXCHANGE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION" as an indication of the nature of the contents, and a statement in substantially the following form:

This envelope, containing documents which are filed in this case by (name of party), is not to be opened nor are the contents thereof to be displayed or revealed other than to the Court, the parties and their counsel of record, except by order of the Court or consent of the parties.

Such documents shall be returned by the Party Clerk upon disposition of the motion or other proceeding for which they were submitted.

- c. All pleadings, briefs or memoranda which reproduces, paraphrases, or discloses any documents which have previously been designated by a party as comprising or containing Confidential Information, shall identify such documents by the production number ascribed to them at the time of production.

12. Any person receiving Confidential Information shall not reveal or discuss such information to or with any person not entitled to receive such information under the terms hereof.

13. Any document or information that may contain Confidential Information that has been inadvertently produced without identification as to its "confidential" nature as provided in paragraphs 2 and/or 11 of this Stipulation, may be so designated by the party asserting the confidentiality privilege by written notice to the undersigned counsel for the Receiving Party identifying the document or information as "confidential" within a reasonable time following the

discovery that the document or information has been produced without such designation.

14. Extracts and summaries of Confidential Information shall also be treated as confidential in accordance with the provisions of this Stipulation.

15. The production or disclosure of Confidential Information shall in no way constitute a waiver of each party's right to object to the production or disclosure of other information in this action or in any other action.

16. This Stipulation is entered into without prejudice to the right of either party to seek relief from, or modification of, this Stipulation or any provisions thereof by properly noticed motion to the Court or to challenge any designation of confidentiality as inappropriate under the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure or other applicable laws.

17. This Stipulation shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of this litigation except (a) that there shall be no restriction on documents that are used as exhibits in Court (unless such exhibits were filed under seal); and (b) that a party may seek the written permission of the Producing Party or further order of the Court with respect to dissolution or modification of any the Stipulation. The provisions of this Stipulation shall, absent prior written consent of both parties, continue to be binding after the conclusion of this action.

CLAWBACK PROVISION PURSUANT TO FRE 502(b), 502(d) AND 502(e)

18. The inadvertent disclosure or production of Documents by a Producing Party subject to a legally recognized claim of privilege, including without limitation the attorney-client privilege and the work-product doctrine, to the Receiving Party, shall in no way constitute the voluntary disclosure of such Document.

19. The inadvertent disclosure or production of any Document in this Action shall not result in the waiver of any privilege, evidentiary protection or other protection associated with

such Document as to the Receiving Party or any third parties, and shall not result in any waiver, including subject matter waiver, of any kind.

20. If, during the course of this litigation, a Party reasonably determines that any Document produced by another Party is or may reasonably be subject to a legally recognizable privilege or evidentiary protection and reasonably determines that such Document was inadvertently disclosed (“Protected Document”):

- a. the Receiving Party shall: (i) refrain from reading the Protected Document any more closely than is necessary to ascertain that it is privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure; (ii) immediately notify the Producing Party in writing that it has discovered Documents believed to be privileged or protected; (iii) specifically identify the Protected Documents by Bates number range or hash value, and, (iv) within ten (10) days of discovery by the Receiving Party, return, sequester, or destroy all copies of such Protected Documents, along with any notes, abstracts or compilations of the content thereof. To the extent that a Protected Document has been loaded into a litigation review database under the control of the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party shall have all electronic copies of the Protected Document extracted from the database. Where such Protected Documents cannot be destroyed or separated, they shall not be reviewed, disclosed, or otherwise used by the Receiving Party. Notwithstanding, the Receiving Party is under no obligation to search or review the Producing Party’s Documents to identify potentially privileged or work product Protected Documents.
- b. If the Producing Party intends to assert a claim of privilege or other protection over

Documents identified by the Receiving Party as Protected Documents, the Producing Party will, within ten (10) days of receiving the Receiving Party's written notification described above, inform the Receiving Party of such intention in writing and shall provide the Receiving Party with a log for such Protected Documents that is consistent with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, setting forth the basis for the claim of privilege or other protection. In the event that any portion of a Protected Document does not contain privileged or protected information, the Producing Party shall also provide to the Receiving Party a redacted copy of the document that omits the information that the Producing Party believes is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection.

- c. No Receiving Party has an obligation to affirmatively search for documents that could be reasonably classified as a Protected Document when reviewing documents produced by the Producing Party, but should the Receiving Party come across any documents the Receiving Party knows with reasonable certainty is a Protected Document, disclosure is required under this provision.

21. If, during the course of this litigation, a Party determines it has produced a Protected Document:

- a. The Producing Party may notify the Receiving Party of such inadvertent production in writing and demand the return of such documents. Such notice shall be in writing; however, it may be delivered orally on the record at a deposition, promptly followed up in writing. The Producing Party's written notice will identify the Protected Document inadvertently produced by bates number range or hash value, the privilege or protection claimed, and the basis for the assertion of the privilege and

shall provide the Receiving Party with a log for such Protected Documents that is consistent with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, setting forth the basis for the claim of privilege or other protection. In the event that any portion of the Protected Document does not contain privileged or protected information, the Producing Party shall also provide to the Receiving Party a redacted copy of the Document that omits the information that the Producing Party believes is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection.

- b. The Receiving Party must, within ten (10) days of receiving the Producing Party's written notification described above, return, sequester, or destroy the Protected Document and any copies, along with any notes, abstracts or compilations of the content thereof. To the extent that a Protected Document has been loaded into a litigation review database under the control of the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party shall have all electronic copies of the Protected Document extracted from the database.

22. To the extent that the information contained in a Protected Document has already been used in or described in other documents generated or maintained by the Receiving Party prior to the date of receipt of written notice by the Producing Party, then the Receiving Party shall sequester such documents until the claim has been resolved. If the Receiving Party disclosed the Protected Document before being notified of its inadvertent production, it must take reasonable steps to retrieve it.

23. The Receiving Party's return, sequestering or destruction of Protected Documents as provided herein will not act as a waiver of the Requesting Party's right to move for the production of the returned, sequestered or destroyed documents on the grounds that the documents

are not, in fact, subject to a viable claim of privilege or protection. However, the Receiving Party is prohibited and estopped from arguing that:

- a. the disclosure or production of the Protected Documents acts as a waiver of an applicable privilege or evidentiary protection;
- b. the disclosure of the Protected Documents was not inadvertent;
the Producing Party failed to take reasonable or timely steps to rectify the error pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B), or otherwise.

24. Either party may submit Protected Documents to the Court under seal for a determination of the claim of privilege or other protection. The Producing Party shall preserve the Protected Documents until such claim is resolved. The Receiving Party may not use the Protected Documents for any purpose absent this Court's Order.

25. Upon a determination by the Court that the Protected Documents are protected by the applicable privilege or evidentiary protection, and if the Protected Documents have been sequestered rather than returned or destroyed by the Receiving Party, the Protected Documents shall be returned or destroyed within 10 (ten) days of the Court's order. The Court may also order the identification by the Receiving Party of Protected Documents by search terms or other means.

26. By operation of the Parties' agreement and Court Order, the parties are specifically afforded the protections of Federal Rules of Evidence 502(d) and (e).

27. Within sixty (60) days after the final termination of this litigation by settlement or exhaustion of all appeals, all confidential information produced or designated and all reproductions thereof, shall be returned to the Producing Party or shall be destroyed, at the option of the Producing Party. In the event that any party chooses to destroy physical objects and documents, such party shall certify in writing within sixty (60) days of the final termination of

this litigation that it has undertaken its best efforts to destroy such physical objects and documents, and that such physical objects and documents have been destroyed to the best of its knowledge. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, counsel of record for the parties may retain one copy of documents constituting work product, a copy of pleadings, motion papers, discovery responses, deposition transcripts and deposition and trial exhibits. This Stipulation shall not be interpreted in a manner that would violate any applicable canons of ethics or codes of professional responsibility. Nothing in this Stipulation shall prohibit or interfere with the ability of counsel for any party, or of experts/consultants specially retained for this case, to represent any individual, corporation, or other entity adverse to any party or its affiliate(s) in connection with any other matters.

28. This Stipulation may be changed by further order of this Court and is without prejudice to the rights of a party to move for relief from any of its provisions, or to seek or agree to different or additional protection for any particular material or information.

22. This Order binds the Parties effective upon signing by their attorneys and shall be, and is hereby, adopted by the undersigned, as an Order of this Court, submitted to the Court for signature, which shall be effective *nunc pro tunc* to the date hereof.

DATE: July 10, 2024

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SO ORDERED



Dated: July 12, 2024
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EXHIBIT A

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**AGREEMENT TO RESPECT
CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

I, _____, state that:

1. My address is _____.
2. I have received a copy of the Stipulation for the Production and Exchange of Confidential Information (the “Stipulation”) entered in the above-entitled action on _____.
3. I have carefully read and understand the provisions of the Stipulation.
4. I will comply with all of the provisions of the Stipulation.
5. I will hold in confidence, will not disclose to anyone not qualified under the Stipulation, and will use only for purposes of this action, any Confidential Information that is disclosed to me.
6. I will return all Confidential Information that comes into my possession, and documents or things that I have prepared relating thereto, to counsel for the party by whom I am employed or retained, or to counsel from whom I received the Confidential Information.
7. I hereby submit to the jurisdiction of this court for the purpose of enforcement of the Stipulation in this action.

Date

Signature